

**Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 principles of Leave No Trace skills and ethics**

- **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- **Respect Wildlife:** Hang food and scented items 10 feet up and 4 feet out from trunk of tree. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

**EMERGENCIES:** In case of emergency, go to the nearest phone (as located on map) and call 586-1399 or 911. Please remember that patrol cabins are not routinely staffed. Climb to higher elevations to attempt cell phone use.

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**Site Location:** The site is located approx. 100 yards up the trail leading towards Black Canyon just after the junction of the Bridal Veil Falls trail. A sign marks where to turn off the trail. Red plastic arrowheads on trees mark the route into the site. Follow this for about another 100 yards. Pitch tent within 15' of post with silver arrowhead to limit impact on surrounding vegetation.

**Number of Sites:** 1

**Distance:** Approx. 2 mi. from Cow Creek TH;  
approx. 4.6 mi. from Twin Owls TH.

**Privy:** YES

**Elevation:** 8,480 ft.

**Elevation Change:** 640 ft. from Cow Creek TH and 1,340 ft. gain,  
then 520 ft. loss from Twin Owls via the Black Canyon Trail.

**Approx. Travel Time:** 1½ hrs. from Cow Creek TH, and 3 hrs. from Twin Owls.

**Water Source:** Water is available from the stream. Boil or adequately treat all water.

**To Reach the Trailhead (TH):** *Twin Owls TH:* Drive north out of Estes Park on Devils Gulch Rd approx. 1 mi. to the MacGregor Ranch entrance. Drive north through the ranch to the Twin Owls TH. The trail starts on the west end of the parking lot. *Cow Creek TH:* Drive north out of Estes Park on Devils Gulch Rd. for approximately 4 miles. Turn left onto the dirt road signed "McGraw ranch". Drive slowly staying on main dirt road for about 2 miles. McGraw Ranch is located at the bottom of the hill.

